

exterior of device 10. As an example, opening 24 and/or opening 104 at speaker housing wall 102F may include mesh structures that prevent dust and other contaminants from entering an interior of device 10 (e.g., from entering an interior of speaker housing member 102). If desired, antenna feed structure 90 may be formed on one or more of sealing member 114, mesh structures, or other (dielectric) support structures disposed in opening 24, in opening 104, in cavity 106, and/or between opening 24 and opening 104.

[0083] If desired, device 10 may include a retaining member such as retaining member 116 such as a retaining bracket or other mechanical support structure. Retaining member 116 may surround, fully or only partially, the exterior of one or more speaker housing walls to ensure that speaker module 100 remains in place. For example, retaining member 116 may ensure the opening 24 remains aligned with opening 104, may ensure that conductive adhesive 112, sealing member 114, and/or antenna feed structure 90 remain in place to properly perform their respective functions. Retaining member 116 may be attached to a housing structure such as housing sidewall 12W by any suitable attachment structures (e.g., screw-based structures, adhesive, etc.).

[0084] The shape of speaker housing member 102 as described in connection with FIGS. 6 and 7 is merely illustrative. If desired, speaker housing member 102 may have any other desirable shape (e.g., a shape that is not a cuboid) such as an irregular cuboid shape, a shape having less than six faces, a shape having more than six faces, a shape having any desirable number of straight edges and any number of curved edges, and/or an irregular shape having extension and depressions to accommodate for other components in device 10 (e.g., to accommodate for a shape of housing components in device 10, to accommodate for internal components of device 10) and/or to tune the acoustic frequency response of speaker module 100.

[0085] As shown in FIG. 7, device 10 may include circuitry 130 at the front face of device 10 and circuitry 140 at the rear face of device 10. Device 10 may also include other circuitry in the interior of device 10. As examples, circuitries 130 and 140 may include display circuitry, touch sensor circuitry, antenna circuitry, wireless power circuitry, conductive traces, electronic component modules, and/or any other circuitry for any other functions in device 10 as disclosed in connection with FIG. 2. As device 10 may be a small compact device, circuitries 130 and 140 and other internal circuitry may be formed in close proximity to the antenna structures shown in FIG. 7 such as opening 104 and antenna feed structure 94. However, because opening 104 (e.g., the slot antenna resonating element for the antenna such as slot element 74 of FIG. 5), antenna feed 62, and antenna feed structure 90 are formed as part of speaker module 100 and surrounded by the grounded conductive speaker housing walls (to form cavity-backed antenna 40), these antenna structures may be isolated from internal components of device 10 (e.g., circuitries 130 and 140).

[0086] By forming antenna 40 based on a cavity-backed and indirectly fed slot antenna resonating element, the cavity-backed and indirectly fed slot antenna is placed in a well-controlled (e.g., well-isolated) location that is shielded from other internal components of device 10, may have an easy and flexible configuration for tuning the antenna (e.g., by changing the configuration of antenna feeding structure 90), and may have a linear polarization in a peak gain direction. Additionally, by providing the cavity-backed and

indirectly fed slot antenna as described herein in a compact device such as a wristwatch device, the antenna structures may be appropriately sized (e.g., single continuous opening 24 on one side of sidewall 12W may be appropriately sized when tuned using antenna feed structure 90) to offer frequency coverage at higher frequencies such as frequencies in an ultra-wideband communications band between about 5 GHz and about 8.5 GHz.

[0087] FIG. 8 is a graph in which antenna performance (antenna efficiency) has been plotted as a function of operating frequency for antennas 40 in device 10 (FIG. 2). As shown in FIG. 8, curve 200 plots the antenna efficiency of antennas 40 in device 10 in the absence of the cavity-backed and indirectly fed slot antenna as shown and described in connection with FIGS. 6 and 7. As shown by curve 200, other antenna structures for antennas 40 (e.g., antenna structures formed from display circuitry, formed on rear housing antenna structures, formed from peripheral conductive structures, etc.) may support reasonable antenna efficiencies at relatively low frequencies such as frequencies in the GPS band at 1.5 GHz, the cellular midband from 1.4 GHz to 2.2 GHz, the cellular high band at 2.2 GHz, the 2.4 GHz WLAN/WPAN band, and any other relatively low frequency bands. However, these antenna structures may be unable to provide increased bandwidth to cover relatively high frequencies such as the frequencies in the UWB communications band from about 5.0 GHz to about 8.5 GHz.

[0088] Curve 202 plots the antenna efficiency of antennas 40 in device 10 in scenarios where the cavity-backed and indirectly fed slot antenna as shown and described in connection with FIGS. 6 and 7 are present. As shown by curve 202, the other antenna structures for antennas 40 may still support reasonable antenna efficiencies at relatively low frequencies such as frequencies in the GPS band at 1.5 GHz, the cellular midband from 1.4 GHz to 2.2 GHz, the cellular high band at 2.2 GHz, the 2.4 GHz WLAN/WPAN band, and any other relatively low frequency bands. At the same time, the cavity-backed and indirectly fed slot antenna as shown and described in connection with FIGS. 6 and 7 may support efficiency peaks at higher frequencies such as frequencies in the UWB communications band from about 5.0 GHz to about 8.5 GHz. In this way, antennas 40 for device 10 may exhibit satisfactory antenna efficiency across each of these bands despite the constrained form factor of device 10. The example of FIG. 8 is merely illustrative. In general, efficiency curve 202 may have other shapes. Curve 202 (i.e., antenna 40) may exhibit efficiency peaks in any desired number of frequency bands and across any desired frequencies.

[0089] The foregoing is merely illustrative and various modifications can be made to the described embodiments. The foregoing embodiments may be implemented individually or in any combination.

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic device, comprising:

a speaker box having an interior surface that defines a cavity and having conductive structures formed on an exterior surface of the speaker box, the conductive structures having an opening that serves as an open end for the cavity; and